Security cover for historical monuments

3212. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India has initiated steps to camouflage and provide other suitable precautionary security cover for important monuments of historical importance like the Taj Mahal, Humayun Tomb, etc. located especially in the more vulnerable regions of the country in case of any accidental fire from enemy fighter jets, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Government are aware of reports of threats to the security of certain protected monuments. Appropriate action is being taken in this regard. It would not be desirable to 'disclose details for security reasons.

Holding of South Asia Tourism Meet

3213. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a South Asia Tourism Meet is going to be held in New Delhi in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, the agenda of the meeting; and

(d) the purpose of organising this meet?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal so far.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.